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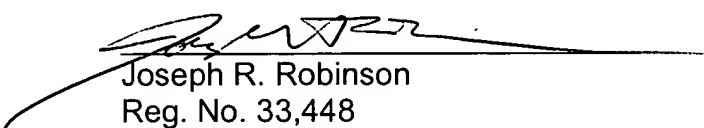
Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Claims 7-20 have been canceled herein without prejudice. Therefore, claims 1-6, 21, and 1-22 are pending and are at issue.

The Examiner has required restriction among the claims of Group I, claims 1-6, 21, and 22, directed to a process; the claims of Group II, claims 7-13, directed to an article; and the claims of Group III, claims, 14-20, also directed to an article.

Applicants elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-6, 21, and 22 for further prosecution in this application.

It is believed that these claims are free from any ground of rejection over the prior art. Early passage to allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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